

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-20 and 22-31 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends Claims 11, 17, 18 and 25; and cancels Claim 21.

The outstanding Office Action rejected Claims 11-13, 16, 19 and 25-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Huddleston et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,819,833).

Claims 14, 15, 17, 18, 20-24 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response, Claims 17, 18 are rewritten in independent form, and the features of allowable Claim 21 are incorporated into independent Claims 11 and 25. Thus, Claim 21 is canceled.

In response to the rejection of Claims 11-13, 16, 19 and 25-31, in light of the present Amendment incorporating the subject matter of allowable Claim 21 into independent Claims 11 and 25, the rejection is now moot.

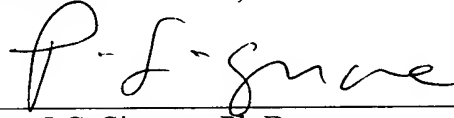
Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 11-20 and 22-31 is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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